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5. [redacted] Talked with Mr. Menefee in the office of Senator Harry Flood Byrd (Va.) in connection with the [redacted] matter. Mr. Menefee stated he had referred the [redacted] letter to CSA. I explained that we were going to drop the matter and had so advised the [redacted]. This solved the case as far as Menefee was concerned. Obviously Mr. Menefee had not been disturbed at the situation feeling that the Government's interests were paramount.

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6. [redacted] Talked with Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper advising him that the three Agency people had come out today, referring him back to Mr. Houston's discussion on this subject. The Senator seemed pleased not only to get this news but also expressed a satisfaction that these three men were safe in the U. S. I mentioned that, of course, we will hope to maintain secrecy on this entire situation and he concurred in the need to do so.

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7. [redacted] Met with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, and confirmed to him that the three Agency men were safely in the U. S. He stated that he had passed on the previous message to Mr. Vinson that they were coming out on the 22nd. I mentioned again the necessity to maintain secrecy on this.

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8. [redacted] Talked with Robert Smart about a possible briefing of the Subcommittee this week. Smart stated that Mr. Vinson would not return until Thursday and most of the members of the Subcommittee would be travelling to Puerto Rico on Friday. Consequently, there was no hope for the meeting this week. I mentioned the Director's trip abroad for the next two weeks and it was agreed that we would get together the week of May 6th to set a meeting for the following week.

We also discussed the early retirement situation and Mr. Smart indicated it might be appropriate for the Director to raise our legislation at the next meeting, discussing the matter of introduction and hearings and whether full committee or subcommittee